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SUBJECT: CULTURAL DIALOGS

REF: A) WARSAW 5162; B) WARSAW 2931, 11 JULY 1972

1. DEPT CONCURS IN PAO'S RESPONSE TO MFA CHABASINSKI'S  
DEMARCHE ON CULTURAL AFFAIRS. USIA/DEPT PREPARING SURVEY  
POLISH INFORMATION CULURAL ACTIVITIES IN US (LARGELY FROM  
VISA RECORDS) FOR EMB BACKGROUND USE FUTURE DISCUSSIONS.

2. IN OCT 18 COURTESY CALL ON CU ASSISTANT SECRETARY  
RICHARDSON (MEMCON BEING POUCHED) DEPARTING POLISH EMB  
MINISTER FRACKIEWICZ AND NEW EMB MINISTER WIEJACZ BROUGHT  
UP SUBJECT FUTURE POLISH/AMERICAN CULTURAL RELATIONS  
"ESPECIALLY IN FIELD OF INFORMATION BUT NOT EXCLUDING FIELD  
EDUCATION." POLES REFERRED TO USIA DIRECTOR KEOGH/DEPUTY  
MINFA BISZTYGA JULY WARSAW CONVERSATION, STRESSING DESIRE  
SENIOR POLISH OFFICIALS FOR LONGER RANGE PLANNING AND  
COORDINATION. WIEJACZ REFERRED SPECIFICALLY TO NUMEROUS  
POLISH INFORMATIONAL AND CULTURAL AGREEMENTS OTHER COUNTRIES  
AND WORK CSCE THIS FIELD. ASSISTANT SECRETARY RICHARDSON  
WELCOMED OPPORTUNITIES BROADEN AND DEEPEN EDUCATIONAL AND  
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CULTURAL TIES, NOTING THAT US WOULD BE PLEASED EXAMINE

POLISH IDEAS, AS WELL AS SUGGEST NEW AREAS COOPERATION OF INTEREST TO US. MR. RICHARDSON STRESSED THAT US NORMALLY PREFERS NOT TO HAVE BILATERAL AGREEMENTS IN EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL FIELDS, AND THAT US WOULD PREFER SEE US/POLISH GOOD PROGRESS THESE AREAS IN RECENT PAST BE CONTINUED THROUGH CONSULTATIONS RATHER THAN FORMAL AGREEMENTS.

3. IN 31 OCT CONVERSATION WITH DEPTOFF AT POLISH EMB RECEPTION, WIEJACZ SAID POLES WOULD LIKE SEND CULTURAL DELEGATION TO US, BUT STATED UNEQUIVOCALLY THAT THEY NOT RPT NOT REQUESTING CULTURAL AGREEMENT.

4. COMMENT: WE CONCUR COMMENTS REFTEL (A) THAT GOP POSITION ON DESIRABILITY SOME TYPE CULTURAL ACCORD HAS UNDERGONE MODIFICATION SINCE MFA DEPUTY MINISTER SPASOWSKI ASSURED AMB STOESSEL THAT GOP WOULD NOT SEEK CULTURAL AGREEMENT (REFTEL B). QUITE POSSIBLE THAT GOP AWARENESS OF INITIAL USG DISCUSSIONS CULTURAL AGREEMENTS WITH CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND HUNGARY HAS INFLUENCED GOP THINKING, IN ADDITION TO US INFORMATION ACTIVITIES POLAND. WOULD WELCOME EMB SUGGESTIONS AS TO POSSIBLE FUTURE AVENUES CO-OPERATION OR CONSULTATIONS WHICH MIGHT IN PART SATISFY POLISH OBJECTIVES WITHOUT ENTERING INTO FORMAL AGREEMENTS WHICH WE CONTINUE DESIRE TO AVOID. KISSINGER

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